Undertakings is under consideration at present.

(b) and (c) No Sir, However, the Ministry of Welfare is implementing the following schemes through voluntary organisations for the welfare of handicapped persons including mantally retarded persons:

1. The scheme of assistance to voluntary organisations for providing education, training & rehabilitation facilities to the disabled persons.
2. Assistance to voluntary organisations for menpower development in cerebral palsy and mental retardation.
3. Establishment and development of special schools.

In addition a proposal to set up a National Trust for the welfare of persons with cerebral palsy and mental retardation is under active consideration. The objectives of proposed National Trust are annexed.

Statement

THE objectives of the proposed National Trust for the Welfare of Persons with Mental Retardation and Cerebral Palsy:

(i) To arrange to provide care and rehabilitation to the mentally retarded and cerebral apspalsied as a step towards social security who are under the guardianship of the Trust.

(ii) To lay down guidelines for the improvement of the existing organisations which are engaged in taking care of mentally retarded and cerebral palsied depending upon the availability of finances.

(iii) To set up homes and service institutions for providing residential care to persons with mental retardation and cerebral palsy.

(iv) To provide financial and technical assistance to the organisation providing care and rehabilitation services to persons with mental retardation and cerebral palsy.

(v) To provide guardianship and foster care and to take over the guardianship rights of the persons with mental retardation and cerebral palsy after the death of the parents, if so, desired by the family or in absence of family support.

(vi) To extend and support the welfare programmes of families/foster families/parent associations and voluntary organisations.

(vii) To provide legal aid to the mentally retarded persons and their families.

(viii) To receive, own and manager properties bequeathed by the parents to maintain their child with Mental Retardation or Cerebral Palsy after their death.

Proposal to install Shaheed Bhagat Singh Statue around Parliament House

1266. SHRI IQBAL SINGH: Will the Minister of URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under the consideration of Government to install a statue of Shaheed Bhagat Singh around the Parliament House/Parliament House Annexe complex;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS AND EMPLOYMENT (SHRI P.K. THUNGON): (a) No Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.